III. REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 16, and 17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, and 10 have been amended. Applicants are not conceding in this application that any claim is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments are only for facilitating expeditious allowance of the claimed subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional patent applications. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Office indicates that, as in the Office Action of February 22, 2008, claims 1-5, 7-10, and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koss (US Pat. No. 5,231,577, hereinafter, "Koss") in view of Gaulthier et al. (US Pub. No. 2006/0053383A1, hereinafter, "Gaulthier"). Applicants appreciate the indication in the Advisory Action that the Amendment contained in the Reply of April 18, 2008 was sufficient to overcome the rejection of claim 9 under § 101.

With respect to the rejections under § 103(a), Applicants submit that Koss and Gauthier, either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest each and every feature of the invention claimed herein.

With respect to claim 1, Applicants have amended the claim herein to recite the additional feature of "a) selecting a user modifiable file format profile ... wherein each source text file comprises a file <u>directly created by a text editor or</u> recognized by a spreadsheet program as a text file..." (Claim 1.) This amendment is intended merely to provide improved clarity. No new matter is believed to be presented in this amendment, as support may be found in the specification as filed at page 4, lines 28-30, among other passages.

In the Advisory Action, the Office asserts that Koss teaches "importing the source text files into the spreadsheet according to the default formatting established with the link" at col. 3, line 47 through col. 5, line 62. (Advisory Action, Continuation Sheet.) Applicants maintain that this multi-column citation, which allegedly teaches the claimed "importing," is extremely vague, such that it fails to meet the threshold burden of showing adequate teaching of the claimed "importing." Additionally, Applicants note that the word "import," or any variation or synonym thereof, does not appear anywhere in the cited passage, or the balance of the Koss reference. Accordingly, on the basis of the explanation of the rejection provided, Applicants submit that it is not possible for Koss to teach or suggest the claimed feature.

Applicants further note that the Office provides as "further clarification" with regard to the above feature, a passage in Gaulthier. (Advisory Action, Continuation Sheet.) Applicants respectfully submit that a citation to Gaulthier does not provide improved clarification with regard to the Office's assertion that Koss teaches the claimed feature of "importing the source text files into the spreadsheet according to the default formatting established with the link," as it pertains to a separate reference entirely. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request additional clarification from the Office as to where Koss allegedly teaches the claimed feature.

With respect to the claimed features of "selecting a user modifiable file format profile to be associated to each of the plurality of source text files, wherein each source text file comprises a file <u>directly created by a text editor or</u> recognized by a spreadsheet program as a text file...," (Claim 1), Applicants assert that Koss and Gaulthier do not teach or suggest this feature.

In contrast with the "source text file compris[ing] a file <u>directly created by a text editor or</u> recognized by a spreadsheet program as a text file," Koss teaches a method and system in which a spreadsheet 102 includes cells comprising a character field 110, a border region 111, a

background region 112, and an internal XF table 114, with table indices including "INDEX items 106, 107 and so on," (Advisory Action, Continuation Sheet.). These index items point to unique formatting combinations that can be applied by reference to characters in the cells. (Col. 2, lines 4-10.) Unlike the claimed invention, however, the genesis of any text appearing in character fields 110 is not taught or suggested.

The Office asserts that "using the INDEX items" as described above "is importing the source file from XF table; [ ] allow[ing] the user modifiable file format profile to be associated with source text files." (Advisory Action, Continuation Sheet.) However, this method, taught by Koss, merely provides a method and system for more efficiently formatting text that *already appears* in a given cell. It does not relate to a "file directly created by a text editor or recognized by a spreadsheet program as a text file," as claimed herein.

With respect to the features of "importing the plurality of source text files into the single spreadsheet file after the creating the source-format link" and "a system for *applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file* by using the source-format link and the location link" (Claim 1), among others, Applicants further submit that neither Koss nor Gaulthier teaches these features. As discussed above, Applicants submit that Koss does not teach importing the plurality of source text files. Accordingly, Koss cannot teach a system for applying formatting to an "imported source text file."

Gaulthier teaches a window 300 including viewing area 315, which allows a user to view a plurality of cells containing text, numbers, formulas, etc., as well as icons 340. Each icon 340 has a visual attribute, displayed proximate to each instance of tabular data in a web page. (*See,* Gaulthier, Fig. 3, described in the Advisory Action, Continuation Sheet.) These icons provide a visual identification of objects on the web page which include tabular data and can be imported

into a spreadsheet program. For example, each icon 335, 340 comprises an arrow surrounded by a box, whose yellow background color visually indicates tabular data. However, the inclusion of the graphical icon in the spreadsheet program's viewing area does not teach or suggest, for example, the claimed feature of "a system for *applying the selected file format profile to the imported source text file* by using the source-format link and the location link." (Claim 1.) Gaulthier's formatting of the icons merely indicates the presence of tabular data.

Accordingly, on the basis of at least these shortcomings, Applicants respectfully submit that Koss and Gaulthier fail to teach each and every feature of the invention of claim 1, and accordingly request withdrawal of the rejection under § 103(a).

With respect to the rejections of independent claims 9 and 10, Applicants note that each of these claims includes features similar in scope to those already addressed above with respect to claim 1. Further, the Office relies on the same arguments and interpretations of Koss and Gaulthier as discussed above with respect to claim 1. To this extent, Applicants herein incorporate the arguments presented above, and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of these claims for the above-stated reasons.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-5, 7, 8, 16 and 17 are allowable for reasons stated above relative to independent claims 1, 9, and 10, as well as for their own additional claimed subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to claims 2-5, 7, 8, 16 and 17.

IV. CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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